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Are New York's homeless falling through the cracks in the city's shelter system?

► Mayor says goal is to help those most in need ► Group claims highest priority now based on referrals from other city agencies

In answer to a recent question from a reporter, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said there are no homeless sleeping on the city streets.

The backlash was immediate. People were quick to point out that even by the city's own estimates, there are 3,000 New Yorkers sleeping on the streets and subways.

But the comment was made in the context of victims of Hurricane Sandy, and as part of a longer answer, wherein the mayor said the goal is to make sure people who most need housing and shelter services get those services.

But according to Patrick Markee at the Coalition for the Homeless, the city does not practice this philosophy, as public housing priority is not given to the neediest New Yorkers.

"What the city used to do is give priorities to homeless families — the groups [getting priority] now are the least poor of the poor," Markee said.

There are approximately 180,000 New York City Housing Authority public housing units, and Markee



► Mayor Michael Bloomberg recently said that no homeless are sleeping on the streets.

Shelter rules

On Feb. 14, Appellate Court Judge Judith Gische upheld a trial-court decision ruling that the city cannot require homeless individuals to prove they have nowhere else to stay before allowing them into a shelter. There has long been a policy that they

can place the burden of proof on homeless families.

25%

Of homeless people are working, according to Coalition for the Homeless

said that prior to Bloomberg's tenure as mayor, homeless families were given priority for some of those units.

A priority list provided by NYCHA showed that first priority goes to referrals from other city agencies, which would mean the individuals have already gone through the intake system of those agencies. Second priority

goes to domestic violence victims, and third to those who have been ordered to vacate spaces that have been declared uninhabitable.

The last priority is people living in substandard conditions: the homeless or involuntarily displaced — evicted, for example.



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In the news

Man killed by NYPD cop car

A man was hit by a cop car responding to a 911 call on Thursday, Feb. 21, according to the NYPD.

Police said that at 1 a.m., NYPD officers were responding to a 911 call in Queens.

While driving east on 40th Avenue, the patrol cruiser hit a man trying to cross the street.

Emergency responders arrived and pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Cops are investigating the incident.

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In the news



Gov. announces NY teacher evaluation plan

After the teachers union and city failed to reach an agreement on a teacher evaluation system for city schools by the deadline last month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has announced schools will get a state-imposed system by June 1, the Daily News reported. Cuomo included the teacher evaluation measure in a bill that was submitted on Thursday, Feb. 21.

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In the news

Cardinal Dolan questioned in Milwaukee sex abuse cases

New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan was questioned on Wednesday, Feb. 20, in a deposition about alleged sexual abuse by priests while he was head of the archdiocese of Milwaukee, a church lawyer said.

Dolan was deposed in New York for three hours by attorneys representing more than 500 people who claim they were sexually abused by clergy at the



Milwaukee archdiocese, which Dolan headed from 2002 to 2009, said Frank LoCoco, an archdiocese attorney.

In 2011, the Milwaukee archdiocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, citing the financial drain of settling sexual abuse claims and acknowledging missteps by the church in dealing with pe-

dophile priests.

Dolan is expected to travel to Rome soon to attend the Vatican conclave that will elect a successor to Pope Benedict XVI, who surprised the world last week by announcing he would resign at the end of February.

REUTERS

Council says it will cut street vendor fines

Street vendors appear to have won a battle to lower fines.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn said on Thursday, Feb. 21, that the council will pass legislation to cut maximum fines for street-cart infractions in

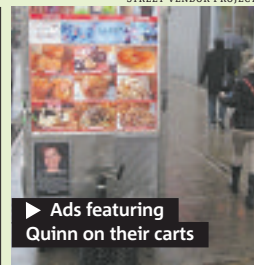
half. The council will pass the legislation Wednesday, Feb. 27, at its regular stated meeting, she said.

The bill will slash maximum fines for vendors from \$1,000 to \$500, easing what many have criticized as exorbitant fines for small-business owners.

The legislation also prohibits vendors from no-standing zones at hospitals and within 20 feet of residential building entrances.

"The legislative package the council will pass next week will ease the financial burden placed on street vendors and will clarify city regulations on where vendors can operate," Quinn said.

The Urban Justice Center, which has pushed



► Ads featuring Quinn on their carts

to ease the burden of fines through their Street Vendor Project, called the announcement a "major step."

In December, the group started placing ads on carts calling on Quinn's support.

"This is great news," said street vendor Aziz Rahmat, who has a coffee and doughnut cart in Midtown. ● METRO/AB

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News in brief

NYPD



► Suspect

Search for man who tied up elderly woman

QUEENS. Police are searching for a man who robbed a 69-year-old woman in her apartment in the Elmhurst section of Queens.

The woman entered her apartment shortly after 6 p.m. on Feb. 14 when she saw the robber in her home, police said. The suspect then grabbed the woman, threw her on the floor and tied her up. He got away with clothing, jewelry and cash.

He is described as being in his 20s, dark-

skinned, 5 feet 9 inches and weighing 150 pounds.

Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS.

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Cops investigate video of little girls fighting in city park

NEW YORK CITY. A shocking new video shows two little girls being forced to fight in a New York City park.

In the video, which is about two minutes and 30 seconds long, adults encourage the little girls to hit each other.

The video, which has gone viral on the Internet, includes plenty of curse words as the adults taunt the girls even as one starts to cry.

"I'm not playing," the girl screams as she stops fighting.

The adults still push her to hit the other girl even as they laugh while she protests.

The NYPD is investigating the video. ● METRO/AB

Mayor. Natural gas



► Mayor Bloomberg unveiled the city's first food truck that runs purely on natural gas.

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg unveiled New York City's first mobile food truck powered by compressed natural gas on Feb. 22 at City Hall Park. It's intended to be better for the environment. ● METRO/LS

In the news

De Blasio: Outer boroughs are fined more

A mayoral hopeful for 2013, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio released a report on Thursday, Feb. 21, looking at an increase in fines against small businesses, which he says overly bur-

dens lower-income business owners in the outer boroughs.

According to de Blasio, the inspections disproportionately target certain boroughs over others.

City agencies increased fine revenue in the outer boroughs by \$50 million last year, according to the report. ● METRO/LS

Resolutions pass against Cuomo's gun control bill

Dozens of counties and local governments have passed largely symbolic resolutions in reaction to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's recent bill regulating assault weapons, according to reports from the Democrat and Chronicle.

The resolutions vary, from those declaring Cuomo's bill unconstitutional to those looking to repeal it and those alleging the bill produces unfunded mandates.

They are largely coming from rural, upstate townships, where mostly

Republican lawmakers are saying they're representing the concerns of their constituents.

While the resolutions are symbolic, local officials are hoping to send a message to lawmakers.

"This gun law was poorly drafted, it was poorly passed. It really does need a lot of fixes," said Ulster County Legislature chairwoman Terry Bernardo.

Ulster and Niagara counties both passed similar resolutions opposing Cuomo's gun bill on Tuesday. ● METRO/DT



► Some rural communities in New York are passing symbolic resolutions against the recent state gun bill.

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THE SUREST THING

I don't believe in sure things. No matter how well you calculate the odds, sometimes an ace shows up when you don't want it, a horse stumbles in the home stretch, or your vice president starts advising people to buy shotguns just as you're pushing for gun control. But when it comes to this sequester business, the Democrats are pretty much sitting on a sure thing right now.

As these automatic cuts to federal spending bear down, virtually every meaningful measure of public opinion leans in favor of the Dems. According to a Pew Research Center/USA Today survey, a plurality of Americans think the cuts should at least be delayed. Almost half say they'll put the blame on Republicans if the cuts come through, compared to less than a third who say they'll hold President Barack Obama responsible. Eleven percent would blame both. The Democrats are pushing for more taxes on the rich, and the public still likes that idea, too.

So game it out. If the Republicans strike a deal to avoid the cuts, the White House is well positioned to take credit, saying all the president's harsh talk forced the GOP to play ball. If the Republicans refuse a deal, the White House can rush to the podium just as quickly to excoriate the opposition and

urge voters to punish that party in the midterm elections next year.

Never mind that even though the president treats the sequester like an orphan child, he helped birth it two years ago. Never mind that even as the White House moans about meat-cleaver cuts, the administration is dodging every question about where they would apply the scalpel in a more thoughtful way. Never mind that the Democrats still control two-thirds of the government and evidence suggests they are every bit as much to blame for what is happening.

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The president knows most of the voters are with him.

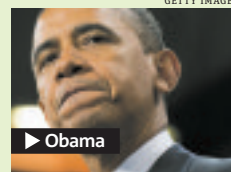
The president knows most of the voters are with him, and he and his party will probably come out political winners regardless of how the dice tumble. That can make for bold bets, and voters can only hope they're not reckless ones.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360" /www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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News in brief

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Obama called top GOP to discuss looming cuts

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama on Thursday called Republican congressional leaders, House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to discuss looming spending cuts, the White House said.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the conversations were "good" but declined to provide any details.

An estimated \$85 billion in across-the-board "sequestration" cuts are due to go into effect

March 1 unless Congress acts. **REUTERS**

Car-to-car shooting causes three deaths on Las Vegas Strip

LAS VEGAS. Three people were killed and at least four others were hurt in a car-to-car shooting and crash early Thursday.

A person in a black Range Rover Sport opened fire on a Maserati at about 4:20 a.m. as the cars traveled north in front of the Strip's Bellagio and Bally's casinos, said a police spokesman.

The Range Rover fled the scene.

The driver of the Maserati lost control of the car and crashed into a taxi, which burst into flames. The Maserati, which had a passenger, struck another four cars, he said.

The drivers of the Maserati and the taxi were killed, as was a passenger in the taxi.

The Maserati passenger and three others were injured. **REUTERS**



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In the news

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▶ A rough two days

Wall Street drops again

NEW YORK. U.S. stocks fell on Thursday and were on track for their biggest two-day decline since November, as weak data suggested expectations for economic growth were overly optimistic.

The two-day decline marked the U.S. stock market's first sustained pullback this year. The Standard & Poor's 500 is up 5.2 percent so far this year. The benchmark index has climbed for seven straight weeks, putting it near five-year highs.

In the latest economic data, initial claims for unemployment benefits rose more than expected last

week while the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said its index of business conditions in the U.S. mid-Atlantic region fell in February to minus 12.5, the lowest in eight months. **REUTERS**

Sony seeks a leg up over Microsoft with new PlayStation

NEW YORK. Sony said it will launch its next-generation PlayStation this year, hoping its first video-game console in seven years will give it a much-needed head start over the next version of Microsoft's Xbox and help revive its stumbling electronics business.

The console will have a revamped interface, let users stream and play games hosted on servers, and allow users to play while downloading as well as share videos. Its new controller called DualShock 4, will have a touchpad and a camera that can sense the depth of the environment in front of it. **REUTERS**

Bomb kills more than 50 people in Damascus

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A car bomb killed more than 50 people and wounded 200 in central Damascus on Thursday when it blew up on a busy highway close to ruling Baath Party offices and the Russian Embassy, state media and activists said.

Syrian television showed charred and bloodied bodies strewn across the street after the blast, which it described as a suicide bombing by "terrorists" battling President Bashar al-Assad. It said 53 people were killed.

Central Damascus has been relatively insulated from almost two years of unrest and civil war in which about 70,000 people have been killed across the country, but the bloodshed has shattered suburbs around the capital.

Rebels who control districts to the south and east of Damascus have attacked



▶ A general view shows burnt cars at the scene of a powerful car-bomb explosion near the headquarters of Syria's ruling Baath party in the center of Damascus on Feb. 21.

200

People were hurt in the car bomb

Assad's power base for nearly a month and struck with devastating bombs

The victims

Activists said most of the victims of the attack in the city's Mazraa district were civilians, including children, possibly from a school behind the Baath building.

over the last year.

The al Qaeda-linked rebel group Jabhat al-Nusra, which claimed responsibility for several of those bombs, says it carried out 17 attacks around Damascus in the first half of February, including seven bombings. **REUTERS**

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► We break down the Academy Awards, from hosts past and present to box office home and abroad to award predictions to a chat with Bryan Cranston of 'Argo'

OSCARS BY THE NUMBERS

Countdown



Blockbuster nominees

We take a look at how the highest-grossing international films of 2012 stack up when it comes to Oscar nominations:

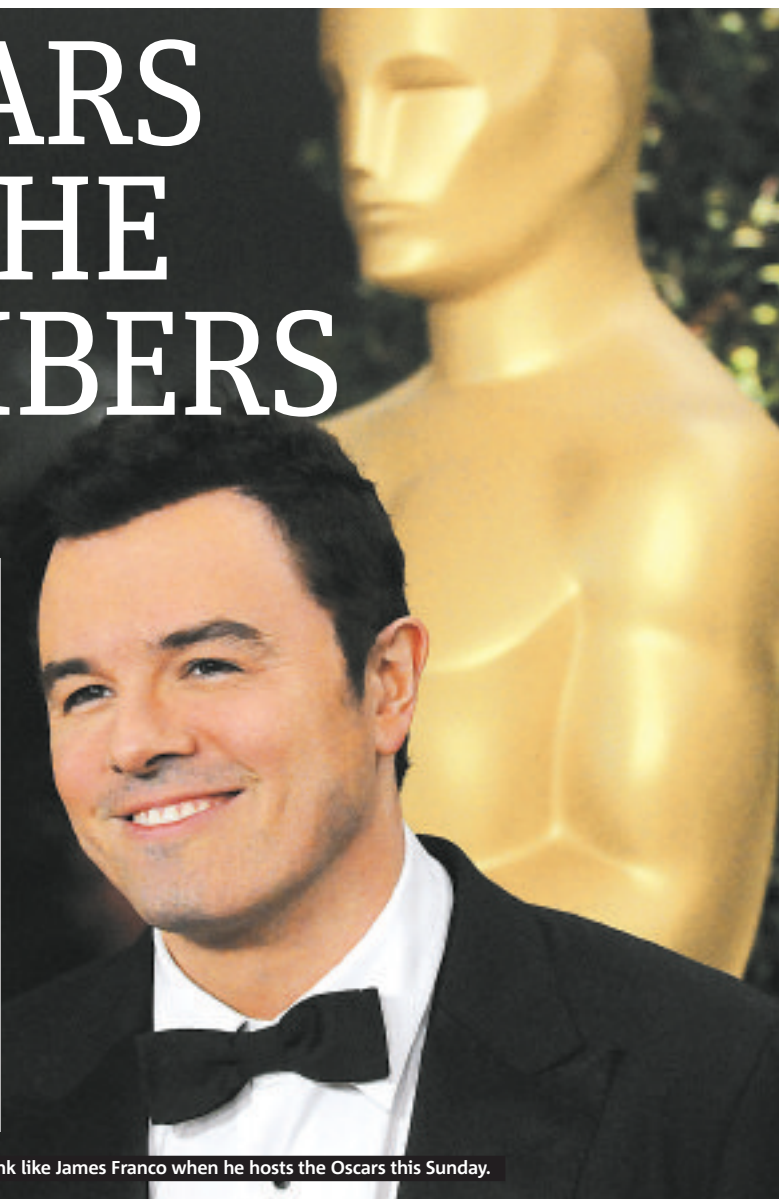
- 1 "The Avengers" (\$1.5 billion) — 1 nomination
- 2 "Skyfall" (\$1.1 billion) — 5 nominations
- 3 "The Dark Knight Rises" (\$1.08 billion) 0 nominations
- 4 "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (\$959.8 million) — 3 nominations
- 5 "Ice Age: Continental Drift" (\$875.3 million) — 0 nominations

Though it tends to pull in a fifth of the audience that tunes in to the Super Bowl, the Academy Awards are still considered a television behemoth. Plenty of you have seen some of the nominees. And though the snubs were nastier than usual this year — sorry, Ben Affleck, Kathryn Bigelow and "Amour" star Jean-Louis Trintignant — at least you get to see Seth MacFarlane in the flesh, not as a cartoon (though perhaps for longer than you'd like). Here, we'll look at the Sunday's ceremony from a number of fresh angles.



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► Seth MacFarlane will try not to tank like James Franco when he hosts the Oscars this Sunday.



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Best Picture by box office



It's no secret in Hollywood that awards-season accolades and box office success don't always go hand in hand — though a high-profile nomination or win will generally boost a film's gross. So how do the nine Best Picture nominees rank in terms of their global ticket sales?

- 1. "Life of Pi" \$576 million
- 2. "Les Misérables" \$378.9 million
- 3. "Django Unchained" \$365.9 million
- 4. "Lincoln" \$235 million
- 5. "Argo" \$204 million
- 6. "Silver Linings Playbook" \$140 million
- 7. "Zero Dark Thirty" \$101.5 million
- 8. "Amour" \$17 million
- 9. "Beasts of the Southern Wild" \$12 million

Rating the hosts

The choice of "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane may seem like yet another attempt by the older-skewing Oscars to appeal to the kids. The thing is, he actually has a surprising tendency toward Old Hollywood style. At parties thrown at his house, MacFarlane is even known to sing standards backed by a big band. While the jury's still out on MacFarlane's

performance, we thought we'd see what he has to measure up to from the past few years' shows:

Billy Crystal

Year: 2012
Grade: 02345
After the Franco/Hathaway disaster, the Academy went back to standby Crystal, hosting his ninth Oscars. But the funnyman's schtick maybe went too old-fashioned, as his bits were generally panned as hokey and out-of-touch. Case in point: While many in that

precious younger demographic might not necessarily know Crystal was dressing up as Sammy Davis Jr. in one bit, they do know what blackface looks like.

James Franco and Anne Hathaway

Year: 2010
Grade: 02345
As we remarked during this train wreck, apparently there is something James Franco can't do. This brazen attempt at pulling in younger viewers turned out to be a disaster, with current

nominee Hathaway seemingly abandoned by Franco, who appeared to have given up on the endeavor before it even began.

Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin

Year: 2010
Grade: 02345
The likeable comic actors relied heavily on their own charm, but it wasn't enough to save the show. With stale jokes and awkward delivery, their performance felt too much like an ad for their

equally disappointing 2009 film "It's Complicated."

Hugh Jackman

Year: 2009
Grade: 02345
The Australian charmer — who happens to be a Best Actor nominee this year for "Les Misérables" — turned in the hosting performance to beat the year "Slumdog Millionaire" won. His opening song-and-dance number was the standout, but Broadway veteran Jackman proved he's an all-around talent.

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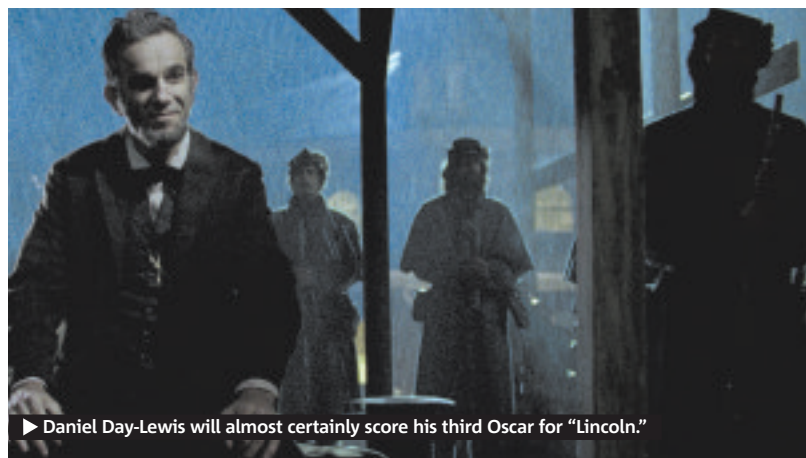
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► Daniel Day-Lewis will almost certainly score his third Oscar for "Lincoln."

The odds are ...

We look at what the Oscar prognosticators have had to say about who will (or may) win:

With odds of 4 to 1, Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" is still the favorite to win the Best Picture prize at the Academy Awards on Sunday, according to Gold Derby, which tracks the chances for Oscar nominees. That's despite the surge of support — and wins at other award shows — for Ben Affleck's

"Argo." The proliferation started when Affleck was left out of the Best Director race, which Spielberg is also likely to take, with 12-to-5 odds.

In the acting categories, it's no surprise to anyone that "Lincoln" star Daniel Day-Lewis is most likely on his way to becoming the first three-time Best Actor winner in Oscar history, with a 39-percent chance of victory. The only nominee with better odds of scoring a trophy is Anne Hathaway, nominated for Best Supporting Actress for "Les Misérables." The Best Actress race is much more

12:1

"Amour" star Emmanuelle Riva, thought to be a potential dark horse, currently has 12-to-1 odds of winning.



interesting, with "Silver Linings Playbook" star Jennifer Lawrence (33 percent) edging out Jessica Chastain of "Zero Dark Thirty" (30 percent).

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► Cranston, right, says his wife wants to go to the Oscars more than he does.

Bryan Cranston on the joys of awards season

If you see "Breaking Bad" and "Argo" star Bryan Cranston at Sunday's Academy Awards, know that he's not there of his own volition. "First of all, I wouldn't go. If I'm not nominated, why am I there?" he tells Metro. "They want me to go the Oscars. I'm not nominated, but 'Argo' is, and it's

like, 'Go, go, go!' My wife's saying, 'You've got to go! We've got to go!' And it's like, 'Really? I don't know. Another tuxedo?' From the outside in, you're like, 'Wow! Look at that!' But when you're there, I'm telling you ... I've got to be careful how I phrase this because I don't want to sound like I'm not grateful. I'm grateful for the opportunities."

It's not sitting through the shows themselves that bugs Cranston so much as working the red carpets. "I hate red-carpet interviews because you

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CRANSTON

get as a deep into a conversation as you would in a loud bar," he says. "It's awful, it's awful. The publicists, they tell me it's important and you should do it, but anytime I go, I ask, 'Can I avoid the red carpet?'"

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Review

'Snitch'

Director: Ric Roman Waugh**Rating:** PG-13**Grade:** 100%

When he's not piggybacking on already established franchises ("Journey 2," "Fast Five," "G.I. Joe 2"), The Rock — sorry: Dwayne Johnson — periodically headlines shockingly dour thrillers that are more interesting than they should be without being all that interesting. 2010's not-very-aptly-titled "Faster" was sold as a revenge spectacular, only to reveal itself as a brooding, humorless look at guilt and rot. The new "Snitch" is even slower and more humor-impaired.

Johnson plays John Matthews, a moneyed father trying to take down a drug cartel after his son is busted with pills. His single-minded pursuit winds up embroiling Daniel ("The Walking Dead" star Jon Bernthal), an ex-con trying to make good who,



► Jon Bernthal and Dwayne Johnson strut en route to taking down a drug cartel in "Snitch," out today.

desperate for cash, reluctantly serves as a link to the violent drug world. That John is so obsessed with saving his son he doesn't think about endangering the life of another family man lends queasy complexity to what would typically be a straightforward family-first thriller.

But is "Snitch" interesting or just stupid? Much of

the film wobbles, drunkenly, between the two extremes. And right when toying with drug dealers and DEA heavies — including Barry Pepper, struggling mightily to overcome the funniest goatee since Evil Spock's on "Star Trek" — would seem to have built to a spectacular quagmire, "Snitch" takes the easy way out. How? By visiting

the gun shop. Guns make everything better.

"Snitch" is "inspired by true events," which traditionally translates as "not much of this happened." But writer Justin Hough keeps relative fidelity to truth, or at least denies us lurid thrills. That may mean a classier film, but also a fairly boring and plodding one, and it's never clear why you need to

hire The Rock to play a straight dramatic role. Johnson is talented, but he's not terribly convincing as an ordinary dad, unless most ordinary dads are built like refrigerators. "Snitch" would have greater verisimilitude — and entertainment value — with someone whose arms didn't have the breadth of some humans.

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Indie spotlight 'Inescapable'

Director Ruba Nadda was last seen with "Cairo Time," a middle-aged romance with Patricia Clarkson and Alexander Siddig. She tries her hand at a political thriller, with Siddig returning as a former Syrian officer hunting down his missing daughter, aided by Marisa Tomei and Joshua Jackson. (IFC Center)

'11 Flowers'

Taking a page from the Italian Neorealists, Wang Xiaoshuai ("Beijing Bicycle") tells this tale of a boy during China's Cultural Revolution in the 1970s whose life is intertwined with a young man wanted for murder. (Lincoln Center)

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Leading her songs to greener pastures

SHERVIN LAINEZ



▶ Aly Spaltro is poking her head out of her shell with "Ripely Pine."

▶ Lady Lamb immerses herself in an album that sees a fuller version of her unique sound

There are lots of expectations that audiences have when they see someone trying to make it in music with just a guitar and a pile full of songs — especially if that someone is a 23-year-old poet from Maine that only began playing music five years ago. But Aly Spaltro, who makes music under the name Lady Lamb the Beekeeper, does a fine job of confounding any such expectations with "Ripely Pine," her studio debut out this week.

She says the album's curve balls are more about her intuition than anyone's expectations of how her career should go: "After years of playing solo, I kind of knew in the back of my mind that I could hear something else under [these songs]. ... And up until I was in the studio, I did-

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n't know what that was."

Spaltro's quest was to find the missing pieces to the compositions she first honed working late nights in a video store in Maine. The quest brought her from Portland to Boston, where she established herself as one of the top figures on the indie-folk scene — and then to Brooklyn two years ago, where she labored for 12

months with producer Nadim Issa to bring "Ripely Pine" to fruition.

The question of why this album took so long is the key to why it is so good. Rather than record the battle-tested solo versions of her songs that she had successfully developed in performances — poetry-driven flurries that felt very much in-the-moment — Spaltro borrowed time from talented friends new and old to wrap an imaginary band around her meandering compositions.

"It was very hard for me to know these songs so well on their own and then try to hear them differently, or to have a different mind-set open to them being bigger than what they were," says Spaltro. "It was a huge challenge finding out what they wanted to be."

'I had never heard my music like that'

The final product of "Ripely Pine," rendered at nearly every moment by the untrained Spaltro herself, sounds as if it had

always existed this way. Spaltro sounds challenged sometimes too, as if she's barely pulling it all off. Luckily for those of us just hearing her for the first time, the growing pains which got Lady Lamb the Beekeeper here won't be

so evident.

Highlights range from the Drag City vibe of "Hair to the Ferris Wheel" to the percolating afro-beat flavors of "Aubergine" to the decadent "You Are the Apple," where Spaltro turned guitar sketches into

a full string section.

"It was mind-blowing," she says of the experiment. "I was in tears. I had never heard my music like that."

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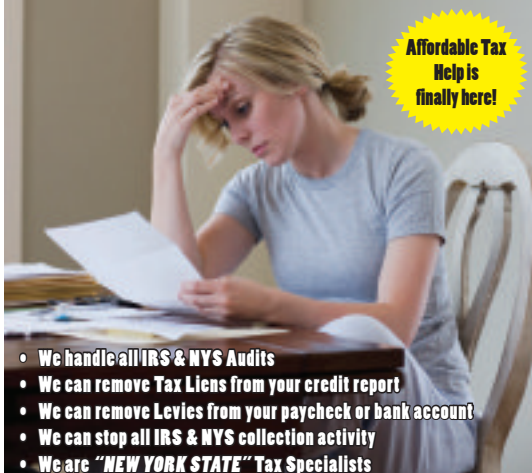
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'Post-apocalyptic blues' up ahead

Led by lead banshee and bassist Mlny Parsonz, the Atlanta band Royal Thunder deliver an electrifying and surprisingly accessible melange of heavy stylings. Parsonz has been known to call it "post-apocalyptic blues," which is an apt description. At times spacey, dark, rampaging and sultry, Royal Thunder regularly confound expectations of a traditional metal band. Parsonz's scorching wails hold the center of the band, while the dual guitars of Josh Weaver (who is also married to Parsonz) and Josh Coleman tangle with Lee Smith's drums, invoking Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin with a bit more snarl.

A native New Jerseyian, Parsonz used to try to dance like Skid Row's Sebastian Bach as a child. "I danced when I was a



CHRISTY PARRY

► Royal Thunder play the Bowery Ballroom with Enslaved, Pallbearer and Ancient VVidom on Friday.

Silent shout

Parsonz explains how she preserves her screaming voice while touring: "I usually don't talk all day before a show. Sometimes there's nothing in there until I hit the stage, but at that point, I can let the adrenaline sing for me."

kid," Parsonz confides, "but I would turn red when people would watch me."

Now she turns red for a different reason: from screaming.

Plus, she seems to like playing hard rock much better than dancing.

"With music," she says, "I could put something between me and them."

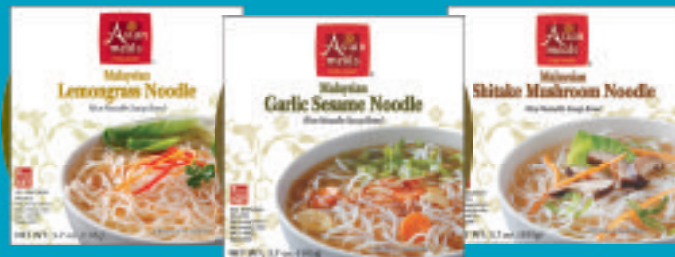


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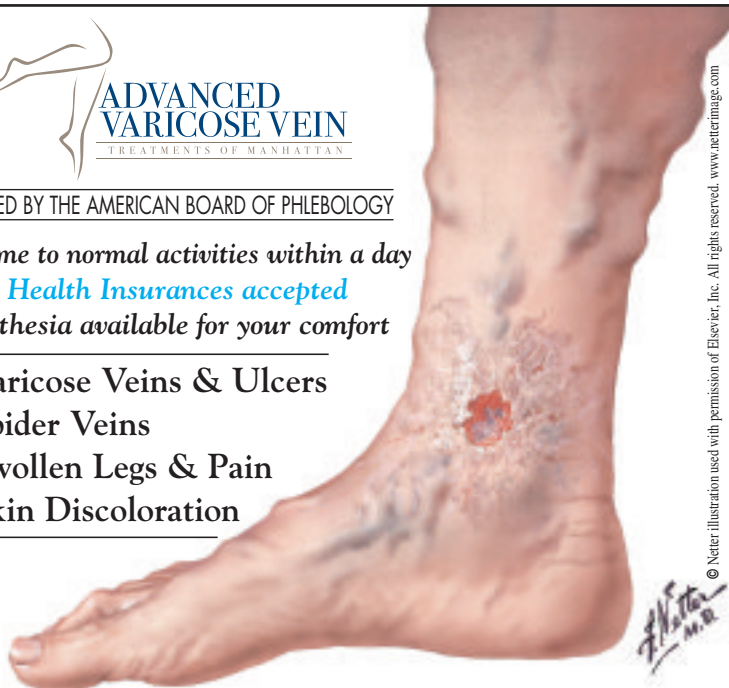
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The best and worst Academy Award gowns

The good:

1 **Marion Cotillard** wore this stunning Jean Paul Gaultier "mermaid" gown when she won Best Actress for "La Vie en Rose" in 2008.

2 **Michelle Williams**, who was nominated for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for "Brokeback Mountain," let her star shine in this canary yellow Vera Wang gown in 2006.

3 **Sandra Bullock** looked every bit a winner when she picked up a Best Actress statue for "The Blind Side" in 2010 in this Marchesa gown.

4 When she was nominated in 2007 for Best Actress for "Volver," **Penelope Cruz**'s choice of this Atelier Versace gown (complete with a feathered train) proved she was ready to enter Hollywood's A-list.

The bad:

5 **Tyra Banks** needed much more than some "smize" to overlook this 2000 prom dress disaster.

6 The "rose boobs" on **Charlize Theron**'s 2010 Dior Couture gown were two giant missteps for the fashion-savvy Oscar winner.

7 Golden girl **Gwyneth Paltrow** has a goth side? Apparently. Why else would she choose to wear this depressing Alexander McQueen gown in 2002?

8 All you need to know about **Kim Basinger**'s 1990 Academy Award gown was that she designed it herself.



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'Vanity Fair's Hollywood'

SPECIAL. Get your glamour on all weekend by gearing up for Sunday's Oscars with this CBS News special, which will offer behind-the-scenes glimpses of Vanity Fair's annual Hollywood issue. The documentary is packed with fascinating tidbits, including the history behind "Pulp Fiction" and first-hand tales of the mag-



► Oprah, Uma — meet Seth MacFarlane.

azine's highly exclusive Oscar party. **Saturday, 10 p.m., CBS**

85th annual Academy Awards

AWARD SHOW. What else would you be watching on Sunday? After a heated awards season, film's biggest night is finally here. We have high hopes with Seth MacFarlane officiating, and it'll be nice to see the "Les Miz" cast's movie-musical tribute and 9-year-old Quvenzhané Wallis' newest puppy purse. All eyes are on Jennifer Lawrence and Jessica Chastain as the main contenders for Best Actress,

but it's also likely Adele will take home Best Original Song, and we're always on board when she's around to grace us with her signature charm. **Sunday, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Girls'

COMEDY. Hannah and Jessa venture upstate to visit Jessa's estranged father and his off-the-wall girlfriend. This marks the show's opportunity to reinstate some much-needed humor after the past two episodes, neither of which offered a whole lot in the way of cheerfulness. **Sunday, 9 p.m., HBO**

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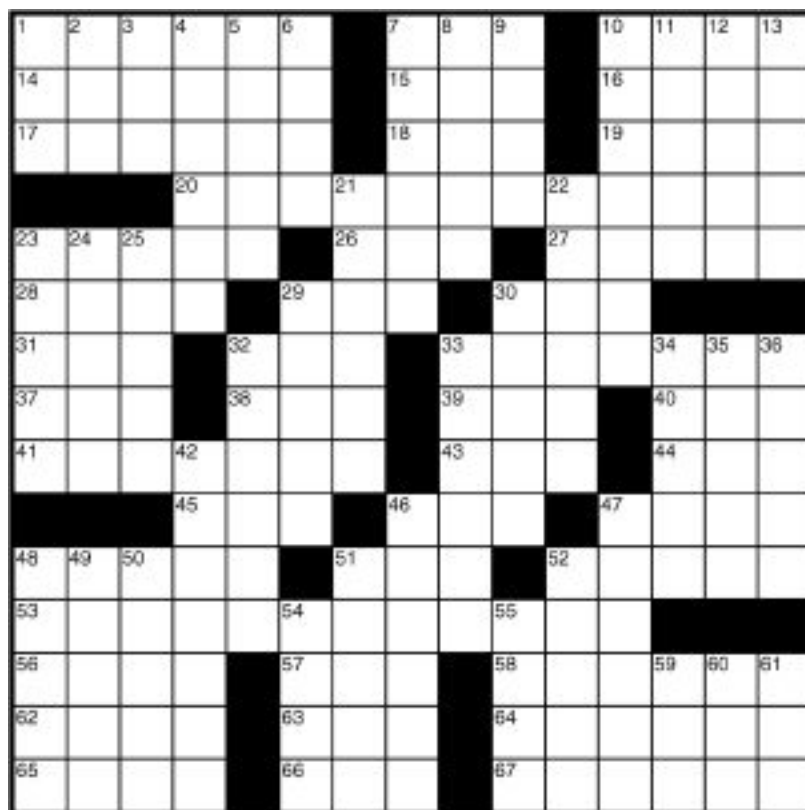


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♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Even though you won't be putting on any pretenses, the persona you present is likely to be more dramatic than usual. Others will be drawn to you for this reason.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. You can't help but succeed in situations where you are motivated to do good things and bring joy to others. All you want to do is help make people happy.

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♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. If you're prepared to give in order to get, most of your material affairs should work out to your benefit. Some of your biggest obstacles may be taken out of the picture.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. It isn't likely that you will shy away from any challenges. In fact, you'll welcome situations that are much too trying for others.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You'll get far more out of being helpful than merely feathering your own nest. Good deeds will be appreciated and rewarded.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. There's no reason why you shouldn't

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♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Joint ventures hold far more promise for you than independent endeavors at this time. However, this will prove true only if you're teamed up with someone of equal talent

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Letters

The family pet is as valuable as your kid

RE: "ARE PEOPLE MORE UPSET OVER MINDY MCCREADY'S DOG THAN HER CHILDREN?" (METRO, FEB. 19) What's so bad about taking the life of an animal is that the animal is an innocent party. Just like the children of McCready are innocent, so too is the family pet. Humans just don't like when other humans kill animals because animals provide unconditional joy, calm and love without asking for much in return, unlike children that need A LOT in return. Therefore, please try to understand why we humans are even MORE upset that McCready took the life of an innocent dog before her own since it just shows how much more egocentric and callous she was. No, killing a pet is AS BAD as killing a child. They are as much a part of the family as the children are.

GEORGE MCDONALD,
VIA E-MAIL

Judge not lest you miss out

RE: "IN DEFENSE OF THE SHORT, THE SKINNY AND THE SMALL" (METRO, FEB. 21) No one likes to be judged, especially by their appearances, but guess

what? It's human nature and everyone does it! Men and women judge not only potential partners, but themselves as well. Instead of wasting time dwelling on your shortcomings or complaining "I'm too short, too skinny, too curvy, etc.," get out there and find the person who will appreciate you for you and everything you have to offer! And I promise, there is someone for everyone and every type out there. KACIE SANFILIPPO, VIA E-MAIL

US military, for when peace fails

RE: "VIOLENCE SHOULD BE THE LAST RESORT" (METRO, FEB. 21) I would like to begin my letter by commending letter writer Paul Emile Anders for reminding us that nonviolent protest has been very successful — as can be seen in the great work that was achieved by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King. However, nonviolent protests couldn't have succeeded against tyrants like Hitler, and it also would not have been successful when it came to dealing with modern-day tyrants like Slobodan Milosevic, Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. That's why we should all be grateful to recent presidents and to the military for all that they have done to liberate people. JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA E-MAIL

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"We all know that the freezing cold is setting in and heat bills are going to skyrocket this winter. That's why I've given the directive to give the first NYC area residents who call in the next 48 hours a massive discount on our last remaining 2013 MV.2 miracle heaters," said David Martin, Director of Operations.

Heat Surge's latest heating miracle is being called the MV.2 Efficiency because its micro design easily goes from room to room so you can turn your thermostat down and save a ton on heat bills.

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In fact, it gives you 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59°. That means you can zone heat and never be cold again. And since it only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker you'll save a ton on your heat bills, too.

And here's the best part. Everyone who calls the surplus heater hotline is getting a massive discount allowing them to claim the surplus heaters for just \$149 each as long as they call before the 48 hour deadline

ends.

"We're bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone who wants to really save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter will be calling immediately to make sure they get their surplus heater at a massive discount," said Martin.

"To make sure everyone gets their new Heat Surge MV.2 Efficiency miracle heater as the harsh winter weather hits, FedEx® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your surplus heater you must find your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first NYC area readers to call the surplus heater hotline at 1-800-924-7912 before the 48 hour deadline ends," he said. ■



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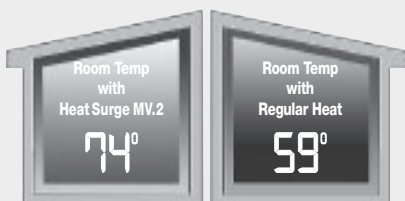
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The New Heater Hotlines at **1-800-924-7912** and **1-800-924-7939** are open for the next 48 hours beginning at precisely 8:30am this morning. If you miss the deadline you'll be turned away from this offer and forced to wait for future announcements in this publication or others, if any. So if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered.

Only the first NYC area callers who beat the order deadline and provide the operator with the valid Claim Code **VM130** and live in one of the NYC area zip codes listed above will be permitted to get the Heat Surge MV.2 Efficiency miracle heater shipped anywhere in the U.S. at a massive discount and cover just \$149 and shipping to drastically slash home heat bills.

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ZONE HEATING SLASHES HEAT BILLS: Notice how the home thermostat is set at 59°. The left shows the Heat Surge MV.2 'Miracle Heater' blanketing the whole room with 74° of warmth.

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Knicks, Nets pass on major deadline deals

► Brewer shipped to Oklahoma City ► Kenyon Martin signed by New York ► Few major moves

Nets general manager Billy King handicapped the odds of a trade happening before the deadline as 10 percent on Tuesday.

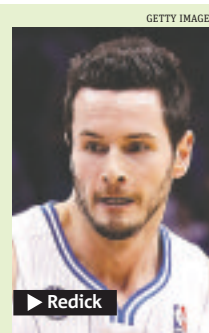
As the 3 p.m. deadline passed on Thursday, it turned out that King's prognostication was accurate, as the frenzy passed without any move.

Knicks head coach Mike Woodson, who doubted his team's interest in making a trade all week, proved correct as well.

The Knicks let the deadline pass with only a minor deal. Reserve guard Ronnie Brewer was traded to the Thunder for a second-round draft pick. Brewer had played just 25 minutes total in the past 14 games.

Rumors of a deal involving guard Iman Shumpert abounded all week, but they didn't come to pass in the end. General manager Glen Grunwald said the team had no trade discussions about Shumpert.

In fact, the most noteworthy move of the day for any of the local teams was the signing of Kenyon Martin by the Knicks. Martin, 35, was brought in



Redick to Bucks biggest deal at quiet deadline

While the deadline was quiet in New York — and, for the most part, nationally — a few noteworthy moves were made:

- Orlando's J.J. Redick was traded to the Bucks for Beno Udrih. Redick is averaging 15.1 points per game.
- The Celtics acquired Wizards guard Jordan Crawford for Leandro Barbosa.
- The Blazers dumped Eric Maynor on Portland for a \$2.2 million trade exemption.
- The Raptors acquired Sebastian Telfair from the Suns. ● METRO

on a 10-day contract. Grunwald said the move was done to provide depth in the post and he still expects injured players Rasheed Wallace and Marcus Camby back this season.

"We think that Kenyon is more than just a big man," Grunwald said in a conference call Thursday after the deadline. "He's a very versatile defender who can guard three positions."

The Nets' lack of movement seemed to reiterate the confidence King has in a team that spent \$330 million on an overhaul this summer.

"I like to make trades when I think there's a trade to make that can help the team," King said Tuesday. "And I think we're at a point now where this group's gotta play together more than shaking it up and bringing in a bunch of pieces."

The team's trade pieces of Kris Humphries and MarShon Brooks proved to be not enough to add the Hawks' sought-after forward Josh Smith, who ended up staying in Atlanta.

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► In between trading barbs with Richard Sherman on Twitter, Darrelle Revis has been the subject of almost constant trade speculation.

Jets tamper talk of dealing Revis

Rumors of a Darrelle Revis trade are overstated, said Jets general manager John Idzik, who spoke to the media on Thursday for the second time since taking over the job in January.

"Darrelle Revis is obviously a great football player; he's a great New York Jet. He's a tremendous asset to our football team and our organization," Idzik told reporters. "With respect to clarity, I don't think anything's changed. We always wanted Darrelle as part of our team. That hasn't changed."

Idzik said he'd had no conversations with any teams about trading Revis, though he did not discount listening if any team did contact the Jets.

Last season, Revis played just two games af-



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"It's not accurate. I told him that. There is no validity to that trade."

REX RYAN, ON TRADING REVIS

ter he suffered a season-ending knee injury in an overtime win at Miami. He is continuing to rehab and will likely be ready for the regular season.

Shrewdly, Idzik did not guarantee Revis would be a Jet in 2013, but he sounded far more open to the idea than recent reports have indicated. Of course, this might all be posturing in an effort to raise the value of Revis for a possible trade.

"With respect to Darrelle, we've always wanted him as a part of the New York Jets," Idzik told the media. "Our focus with Darrelle is to aid him in his rehab."

"I can't wait to get Darrelle back," head coach Rex Ryan said in a conference held directly after Idzik's. "I would not be shocked to see him have the kind of year that Adrian Peterson had."

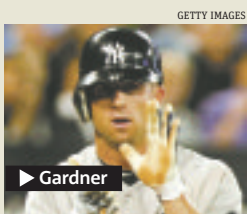
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Sports in brief

Yankees shuffle outfield defense

MLB. It took three years, but the Yankees appear ready to change up their outfield alignment.

When the Yankees acquired Curtis Granderson in a trade before the 2010 season, he bumped Brett Gardner to left. But on Thursday, manager Joe Girardi switched the speedier Gardner back to his natural position in center.



► Gardner

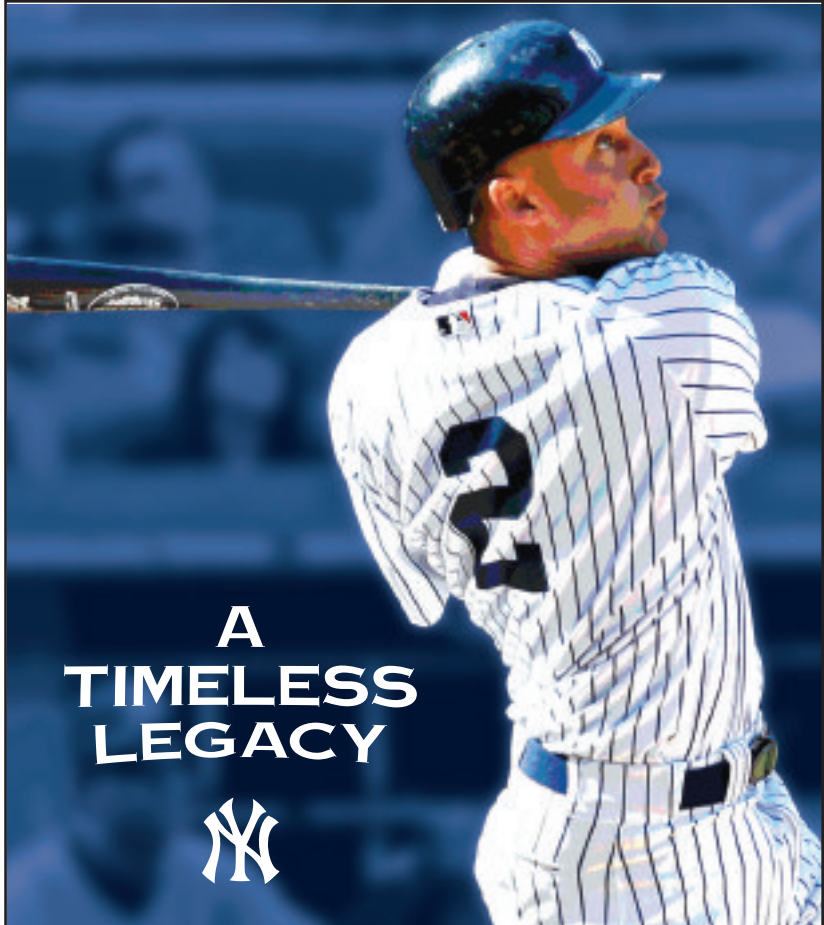
"We're gonna toy with it and see if we like it," Girardi told reporters. "If we do, we'll stay with it. If we don't, we won't."

Girardi said the two will begin the spring in their new spots. ● METRO

Report: Niners won't drop Smith

NFL. If the Jets are going to bring Alex Smith in as their new quarterback, it will take a trade to do it.

ESPN reported on Thursday that San Francisco has no plans to release the former No. 1 overall pick, who lost his starting job to Colin Kaepernick. Rumors that the Jets would be interested in Smith have persisted for months. ● METRO



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